

The CHANUTE TIMES

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In the Oil and Gas Field

No. 6 on the Miller land, southeast of Chanute has been shot and holds up the record already made on that tract.

The Metropolitan Co. will install a pumping plant as soon as possible.

The Minneapolis Co. brought in a fine oiler southeast of Humboldt.

That No. 10 well on the Syndicate holdings seems to be a stunner from the reports that come in. Every half hour it belches forth a large volume of oil. Mr. Dennis is justly elated over his big strike.

The Standard Co. will soon have its pipe line laid to the field across the river.

Col. Mundy had important oil business in Kansas City the first of the week.

The Philadelphia Co. is erecting a rig on the Erickson land northwest of the city.

The Mutual Co. has brought in No. 2 north of Ridge. It is reported a fine oiler.

No. 3 on the Klondike was shot Saturday and No. 4 on Sunday. Both wells show up fine.

The Old Abe Co. on the Stamper farm shot well No. 1 Monday. Another will be drilled at once.

Fitzgerald and Ryan have leased 320 acres of the Orval Jeffries property in Wilson county, 21-29-14.

Ex-Mayor Parker of Topeka has been in the city this week, looking up his varied oil interests in the field.

The Kansas Crude has brought in No. 49 on the Ryburg land.

The Columbia Crude bought in a well on the Young land south of the city, the first of the week.

L. L. Funk, L. Fitzgerald and Edward Ryan have paid J. E. Bogart \$15000 for 240 acres of land four miles northeast of Neodesha. This is a good price for a lease, yet the men are well pleased with their deal. The property is located on sec. 3 and 4-30-15. Work will begin just as soon as Mr. Fitzgerald can place one of his many rigs on the ground.

Developments in the oil field, after the great set back by the floods, are now fast gaining normal conditions. The old operators are getting their crews to work and hustling the pumps, while many new enterprises are being started and new territory tested. Again the stream of speculators and investors has set in and the hotels are crowded to overflow and the livery men are paying for a little rest for their teams. The teamsters are called into requisition and each morning finds strings of them lined up waiting for their loads of pipe and material to be transported to various portions of the field. Verily the oil is a rich harvest for the locality where it is found and will be the source of untold wealth to southeast Kansas. The pessimist who predicted that it was only a little flurry, in the start, and would soon die out, and that the vast amount of money being invested would be eventually lost; has been crowded out of the way and his place taken by the earnest, fearless investor who sees a rosy future with millions for the thousands invested.

In the Humboldt District.

A. F. McCarty has commenced to drill No. 4, on his land two miles southwest of town. His No. 1 well has been capped in since March. Last week he opened it for the purpose of pumping it, and found it was a flowing well. It has filled a tank since being opened and is still flowing.

The Phoenix Oil and Gas company shipped five tanks of oil Wednesday and has eighteen or twenty more tanks for shipment. Their tanks hold 250 barrels each.

The Hawkeye Oil and Gas company brought in a fine oil well this week on the Frank Johnson lease, four miles north of town.

The Humboldt Oil and Gas company which has done no drilling for several months, has decided to commence

drilling on their leases southwest of town again soon. This company is in fine shape, as they have plenty of money in the treasury, and have seventeen oil wells from which they have sold a big lot of oil.

The Webster Refining company has received a 150-barrel lubrication still. This will make their total capacity over 500 barrels daily.

The McKinley Crude Oil company drilled in its No. 13 oil well Thursday and shot it Friday. The well had twenty-seven feet of pay sand and is their best well.

The Fidelity Oil and Gas company is drilling well No. 13 on the George G. Work farm west of town.

The Jackson Oil and Gas company has commenced drilling again on its lease, just south of town.

The Webster Refining company shipped two cars of refined oil last week and have orders for several more cars.

The Kansas-Michigan Oil and Gas company is putting in a new pumping plant on its lease north of town.

The Cedar Basin Oil and Gas company drilled in a good oiler last week in the southeast part of the city.

The Humboldt National Oil and Gas company has contracted for some more wells, to be drilled on the Johnson farm, three miles east of Humboldt. The company has one fine well on that lease. It has seventeen other wells in southwest Humboldt, and some big gas wells west of town.

The Reynolds Oil and Gas company is drilling No. 4, on the Jones lease, four miles south of town.

From the Territory.

Bartlesville Examiner: H. P. Davitt of Bradford, Pa., has invented an automatic oil well flower which oil men say is the best device of the kind ever made. The flower, by a slight atmospheric pressure, forces oil out of the well in extra large quantities. Mr. Davitt has received a patent on his idea and will commence the manufacture of the article soon.

The Examiner was pleased to meet William O'Neil, of Independence, last Thursday. Mr. O'Neil was staff correspondent for the Oil City Derrick for eight years, but is now secretary and treasurer of the Independence Iron Works company, general oil well machinists. Daniel J. O'Day is vice president and Patsey Mack, of Bradford, Pa., is president. A branch shop will be established in Bartlesville soon.

The stockers of the Marguerite Oil and Gas company received a check Friday for \$565.20 for oil sold the Standard Oil company—the first money to be received by Vinita people. This is for the output of two wells in eleven days, and the stockholders are feeling good in the hope of many more such favors from the same source.—Vinita Leader.

John E. Galey, of Guffey & Galey, is in Bartlesville this week, making a general inspection of their extensive Osage producing holdings. He stated to the Examiner reporter that they have a great deal of money in the development at Bartlesville, Tulsa, Red Fork and Muskogee fields and it would be rather a pleasant incident to get a few production checks from the Prairie Oil and Gas company's pipe department. Guffey & Galey have over sixty steady producers in the Osage Creek from which not a cent of revenue has yet been received, and the pipeline means money to them. Mr. Galey says their No. 5 at Muskogee is bewitched from the amount of trouble it causes. No. 1 was drilled ten miles west of Muskogee, but was dry, though there was plenty of sand. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 did not develop producers. Mr. Guffey is about the busiest man in Pennsylvania just now, conjuring his brain for Democratic success. He may stand for the Democratic caucus nomination for United States senator from Pennsylvania.

Coffeyville Oil Notes.

A drill is soon to be erected on the J. W. Messersmith place, southeast of Tyro. This land is as yet undeveloped but is close to what is indistinctly outlined as the Tyro pool.

Odell & Hawley are having considerable trouble with their No. 2 well on the Kurtz farm, south of Tyro. The tools persist in sticking in the well and the contractors have to put in considerable time angling.

A well is expected in soon on the Anderson land, north of the Kurtz place, adjacent to the Kurtz place south of Tyro. The drills have found good indications of oil.

The Springfield and Hoosier Crude companies are shipping oil from their properties on the Parent, Potter and Ingmire places.

The Coffeyville Crude Oil company shot its No. 5 on the Cook land Thursday afternoon and got a good twenty-two-barrel well. The sand was struck at 630 feet, but the drillers continued on until at a depth of 668 feet they struck a good flow of gas. The oil sand was shot with the above result. A pump has been installed on the well and the gas will be piped away to be used in the company's rig

No. 6 will be located in a few days. The Coffeyville Crude has purchased all of its pipe line material and will soon be shipping oil to the Standard's pipe line in Coffeyville.

J. A. Odell brought in his No. 19 on the Davis farm Wednesday afternoon. The well is in the same class as its eighteen fellows, producing about sixty to 100 barrels and emanating from the 600-foot sand.

Holt, Ewing & Steele cased their No. 2 on the Dilley farm this week and expect to drill it in next week.

W. A. Stuckey expects to begin spudding in for his No. 1 well on the Frank Good farm tomorrow.

John H. Pape, of Colorado Springs, arrived in the city Friday and will remain a few days inspecting his oil properties north of the city. Mr. Pape has several good wells and an extensive block of holdings. He is planning some large operations on his leases.

The Arkano Oil company, with a rig on the Fitzpatrick land, southeast of the city eight miles, will begin work soon. The company has been waiting on coal and that very essential element now being on hand the company expects to develop the Fitzpatrick land with all possible dispatch.

The Burghart Oil company, consisting of Kelley, Webb, Dabney & Davidson, brought in its No. 4 on the Burghart land this week. The new well is well located and will flow about forty barrels a day. The company will locate its No. 5 at once.

A number of new drilling rigs have been brought into this territory within the past few days and work will doubtless be in greater progress than ever before.

The New England Oil company of Kansas City, which is operating on the De Geer farm, nine miles north-east of the city, experienced a small inundation all of its own the past week. The locality was visited by an extremely hard rain and in a few hours small Sycamore creek was a raging torrent. The water spread out over a large area and the property of the New England people was completely flooded. Due precautions were taken, however, and the damage will be mainly in loss of time.

Oil Wells in Mid Lake.

Lake Mercer, otherwise known as Grand Reservoir, located in the central western portion of Ohio, is again filled with water, after a long period of dryness. This lake is still the scene of active oil operations. Ten or fifteen years ago when the developments all around the lake pointed to the probability that it covered good oil territory, many efforts were made by the different oil companies to obtain leases from the State that would permit them to operate the territory there.

At that time the State would not lease after the popular methods of leasing oil territory, but made an estimate of \$50 an acre for the territory and then made a rental of 6 per cent, per annum, amounting to 83 per cent, no rental to be given for less than ten years. This would have made the territory pretty expensive, counting all the unproductive portions, for the reason that such territory could not be abandoned, so far as the rental was concerned, short of ten years. But in this country we are safe in saying that there is a Yankee somewhere who is equal to the emergency, whatever it may be, and, sure enough, he bobs up serenely in this case, and this is what he did: Instead of leasing the territory after the good, old-fashioned way, he finds a poor old fisherman who is scarcely worth three pounds of dried herring and secures the ten years lease in his name. He is then able to sublease from him on terms that will permit the holding of all valuable territory and dropping unproductive, and the State looks to the poor fisherman for its \$3 per acre to the end of the ten years; and said fisherman is to have one-twentieth of the oil for the use of his name and reputation.

About this time the prices of oil had declined until wells that would not produce more than fifteen barrels a day were not profitable to operate, and especially as those in the reservoir were more expensive to operate than those on the land, the casings were pulled where it could be done and the wells were abandoned.

The drilling that is being done in the reservoir now is done on leases obtained like they are elsewhere, except that the operator must guarantee perfect safety, and not allow any of the oil to escape and flow into the water. Just what would happen should a real "gusher" be struck on a time we hardly need to conjecture.—Pacific Oil Reporter.

Ohio Operators Waking Up.

Touching the subject of more independent storage and marketing facilities, an Ohio contemporary, the Bowling Green Sentinel, says: "If the Standard Oil Company fails to note the discussion that is being heard throughout the producing region these days it will make a huge blunder. The independent operators are seriously thinking and talking in

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the direction of the construction of storage tanks throughout the regions of supply and also of refineries for the purpose of manufacturing their own oil. This is the theory that E. A. Edward, the first refiner of Lima oil, advanced some years ago. The lesson of railroad discrimination that the trade had learned away back in the 70s prevented action in that direction at that time. But it is argued now that the interstate commerce regulations are sufficient to protect the public from trouble of this character. Therefore the producer begins to feel that the time is ripe for him to share in the great benefits that are known to accrue to those who ship manufacture and store stuff. Whether the matter will assume tangible shape is a question that cannot be determined at this time. It has been thought that the Standard had sufficient production of its own to make in entirely independent of the other producers for oil for its works. But this is a huge mistake. It is not the possessor of one-third of the production of the country and from this time on its percentage is liable to grow smaller instead of larger. Anyone who gives attention to the movements of petroleum throughout the world will notice that the article is destined to enjoy a very wide circulation in the future. Cans are being opened for its consumption that a few years ago were not thought of. Nations that had never had a good smell of the article are opening their gates for its admission and use. If operators would think less of drilling new wells and more of how to make the most of what they have they would wind up the years with much greater profits than they are now."—Pacific Oil Reporter.

A. D. Roberts, formerly of Walnut has cast his lot with us. He has purchased the furniture business of the Bath brothers who opened up a place in the Follett building. Mr. Roberts may well be termed an old settler, having lived in Neosho county twenty-five years. This fact is a recommendation in itself. He is now a permanent fixture in Chanute and carries a necessity next to food. Mr. Roberts will deal close and honestly and hopes for a part of the trade in this community. J10 2w.

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